

INFORMATION

Today's Speaker. Elder Don Livesay will present our sermon today. Elder Livesay is the President of the Lake Union Conference, which serves Adventists in the Indiana, Illinois, Lake Region, and Michigan Conferences. His sermon today will focus on a Biblical man of great faith who still desperately needed to trust God more.

Good Food! Please join us for a picnic-style lunch after today's church service. Evening snacks will also be served following the afternoon program (around 5:30 PM). Please stay for the full day and enjoy food, fellowship, and uplifting programs.

Church Historic Items. Sit in a pew from our first church and assess its comfort. View 50 years of Pathfinder slides. Read *Our Little Friend* papers from our old church. Check out our first clerk's record book started in 1915. Don't miss the collection of historic church items displayed in the young adult and earliteen/youth classrooms on the parking lot side of our church.

Midland Church History Program. God has richly blessed the ministry of our church for the past 100 years. Did you know Ellen White almost certainly traveled through Midland? Hear the details of what she was doing in our area, view old pictures, listen to stories, and learn how God has used our church family to spread the gospel. The history program begins at 3:00 PM today in our church sanctuary.

MIDLAND ADVENTIST HISTORY

The year was 1911. Freelance Seventh-day Adventist evangelist I. H. Evans, had come to Midland to conduct a series of meetings. Perhaps providentially he found an old country school house four miles west of Midland available for use. There, on what is now Homer Road, he presented the message. The Holy Spirit's work was evident. Nearly a dozen families were baptized and formed a small church. Initially the group met for services in members' homes. Sadly their numbers rapidly dwindled to a low of eight persons, most of them members of the Windover and Rider families.

The group continued meeting, opting after a few months to conduct church services in the City Library Building which stood at the corner of Ellsworth and Ashman Streets. The church was officially organized as

the Midland Church of Seventh-day Adventists with three charter members, and 14 additional members on Sunday, February 28, 1915. The new congregation worshipped in their new church on Midland Avenue on March 6, the following Sabbath. (The location is inside the corner where Indian Street merges onto Eastman Avenue, formerly Midland Avenue.)

By today's standards it was small and plain, only 24 by 40 feet. But it was "church" for Midland Adventists for >50 years. On a platform at the end opposite the entrance stood a donated upright piano, the handmade pulpit, and three ornate chairs. Eight rows of oak pews, purchased from the Presbyterian Church, seated about sixty people.

William Windover, a spiritual father of the Midland Church, came to Midland with his father during the logging days of the late 1800's. A farmer and a large land owner to the west of Midland, he was one of the community's prominent citizens. He told of escaping the forest fires that burned across the state by climbing down into a crock well. Grandpa Windover went to sleep waiting for Jesus at age 101 years in 1948.

It is a tribute to the Godly example, patient teaching, and family leadership of these very early members that now, several generations later, members of their families are faithful Seventh-day Adventists.

It wasn't until 1950 that the Midland Church had a resident pastor, Elder George Elstrom. For many years earlier, one pastor served a district of 17 churches scattered from Chesaning to Coleman, Bad Axe to Lapeer. In those days it was a rare Sabbath when the local elder was not the speaker.

Over the years the little white church and its members prospered. By 1960 the congregation numbered over 100 and had outgrown its facilities. A new house of worship had become an urgent need. A fund raising program was followed by a building program, and the congregation moved to its present sanctuary on December 17, 1966.

While the first church is gone some of the trees that shaded the lawn remain. In my mind's eye I can still see it standing there. For fifty-one years its door was open every Sabbath morning to mark the Lord's Day and to proclaim our belief that the Savior will soon return. The current church has continued that tradition for 49 more years.

This historical account was adapted from a summary written by Harold Moll.

100 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church



AUGUST 15, 2015

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

2420 East Ashman Street • Midland, Michigan 48642

www.midlandsda.org

WELCOME

Welcome to the 100th anniversary celebration of our Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church. This is a day to renew friendships and reminisce, but it is also a day to remember how God has led the ministry of this congregation since 1915. Ellen White's memorable statement from *Life Sketches* says, "We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." We pray your trust in God will be strengthened during today's centennial celebration. When we trust God fully we have nothing to fear for the future.

WE BELIEVE

As a church family, we believe God loves us and wants us to spend eternity with Him. We take God's Word, the Bible, seriously. We study it diligently because it is filled with messages of hope and instructions for living rich fulfilling lives, including observing a Sabbath of rest, healthful living, loving and forgiving others, and much more. To learn more about our beliefs, please visit www.adventist.org/beliefs.

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SABBATH SCHOOL

9:20 AM

Song Service	Hope Mwemba
Welcome & Prayer	Tony Khalil
Secretary's Report	Brenda Khalil
Mission Story	"The Malay Missions" • Mwemba Mwemba
Lesson Study	"Treatment of Enemies" • Darryl Bentley
Closing Prayer	Darryl Bentley

SONG SERVICE

10:50 AM

CHURCH SERVICE

11:00 AM

Welcome	Phil Colburn
Introduction of Special Guests	Dick Schell & Phil Colburn
Preparation	<i>Day by Day</i> • Oscar Ahnfelt
Invocation	Reid Tait
Hymn of Praise	<i>Standing on the Promises</i> • 518
Family Prayer	Cory Herthel
Giving of Gifts	Leroy Bruch
Offering	Church Budget
Lamb's Offering	Tri-City School Subsidy
Offertory	<i>In the Garden</i> • C. Austin Miles
Children's Story	Ardith Tait
Introduction of Speaker	Royce Snyman
Scripture	1 Kings 19:11-13 • Darryl Bentley
Special Music	Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Sermon	"A Mountain, a Valley, and a Cave" • Don Livesay
Consecration Song	<i>The Saviour Is Waiting</i> Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Prayer	Don Livesay
Postlude	<i>Rejoice and Sing</i> • Eugene Butler

ELDER: Dick Schell • DEACON: Brad Merrills
CHORISTER: Hope Mwemba • PIANIST: David Moll

PICNIC LUNCH

Following the Church Service

HISTORY PROGRAM

3:00 PM

Meditation Music	Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Welcome & Prayer	Cory Herthel
Midland Adventist Church History	David Moll
Special Music	Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Tri-City School History	Donna Clark
Special Music	Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Pathfinder & Community Services History	Reid & Ardith Tait
Special Music	Strong Tower Radio Quartet
Thoughts on Commitment	Royce Snyman
Prayer of Commitment	Leroy Bruch
Hymn of Commitment	<i>Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus</i> • 618
Postlude	<i>Praise Ye the Father</i> • Friedrich Flemming

EVENING SNACK

Following the 3:00 PM Program

